

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, financial literacy is essential to the financial stability of all Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's citizens should make well-informed, educated decisions throughout their lives about how to save and invest their personal income, and how to obtain and use consumer credit; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Finance and the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition seek to heighten Idaho youths' awareness of the basics of investing and the importance of investigating individual securities, those who advise and about securities, and the companies and brokers who sell them; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Finance and the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition seek to educate Idahoans about the wise use of consume credit, how to compare offers of credit, and first-time home buying; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Finance and the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition will be educating young Idahoans to become better informed investors and borrowers, and encouraging them to save and invest for retirement and other financial goals; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility to learn the basic facts of investing and consumer credit, take charge of their money, realize the importance of saving for their family's future, and understand that it is never too late or too early to save and invest; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, state and federal agencies, financial industry and consumer groups, and the media will join together to conduct educational events through the media, and in communities and schools to illustrate the importance of personal financial ownership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2005, to be

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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